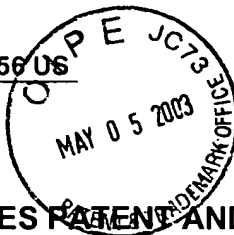


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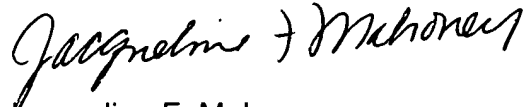
Sir:

1. On October 24, 2002, the USPTO apparently mailed an Office action.
2. On May 1, 2003, Examiner Quan, in a telephone interview, informed Applicants' representative that a response to the outstanding Office action mailed October 24, 2002 had not been received.
3. I, Jacqueline F. Mahoney, declare and affirm the Office action apparently mailed on October 24, 2002 was not received by our office. I further attest I have made a thorough search of the file jacket and the docket records and that there was no indication that the Office action apparently mailed October 24, 2002 was received. .
4. Applicants submit herewith true copies of (1) the mail log showing the mail received for three months from the date of the mail date of the non-received Office action, and (2) a docket report showing all replies docketed with a due date of January 24, 2003.

5. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment based on failure to receive the Office action. Applicants further request the Office action be remailed.

6. No fees are believed due with this petition, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees deemed due for timely consideration of this petition to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,



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